



Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

February 4, 2011



The Glendale Chocolate Affaire
Continues Through Sunday. [Click here](#)
for all the details.



Glendale Green Festival

The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. For more information about the contests, workshops and the entire Glendale Green Festival, call 623-930-3535 or [click here](#).

Dear Sahuaro District Residents,

I had many positive comments about the newsletter from the Gila River Indian Community that was included in this bulletin last week. It summarizes a lot of the issues involved with the proposal from the Tohono O'odham Nation for Reservation Land and a Casino on the border of Glendale. If you missed it, here it is again. Please [click here](#), then scroll down to "May-Special Edition_Final".

Also of interest to Sahuaro District residents, [WinCo Foods](#) purchased the old Costco store at 5850 W. Bell Rd from Kimco Realty in October 2010 for \$5 million. This Idaho-based employee-owned company is currently focused on acquisition and entitlement strategies with no immediate plans to address store openings. WinCo believes there is value in the 5850 W. Bell Rd site as an operating store or as a real estate investment. The existing zoning for grocer operations at this 131,000 SF building is appropriate for this use. Glendale will work closely with WinCo Foods to allow 24 hour operations at this location as soon as they are ready to proceed with the store opening.

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APS Electric Line Construction. As part of its continued effort to ensure reliable electric service, APS construction crews will begin rebuilding the existing overhead electric lines along 75th Avenue from Union Hills to Bell Road and along Union Hills from 75th Avenue west to Loop 101.

You may have noticed minimal survey and "blue stake" work in the area this week, and most of the construction will begin week of February 7, 2011. APS expects to be finished with this project by March 31, 2011. APS personnel will work diligently to minimize interruptions and travel restrictions to residents during construction. No power outages are anticipated as a result of construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact (602) 371-7872 or kendra.cea@aps.com.

Glendale Putting Stimulus Funding To Good Use. Glendale has received more than \$11 million in federal stimulus funding in the areas of public safety, community services, energy efficiency and conservation and transportation, which has and continues to provide services, resources and savings to the city and its residents. With these funds, the city has been able to move forward with several community-based projects that would have otherwise not been possible. For a summary of funding Glendale has received, [click here](#).

Especially noteworthy are the projects listed under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant, which are estimated to result in a savings of more than \$497,000 in annual operating and maintenance costs, a substantial advantage for the city's general fund. Furthermore, because Glendale was able to make these energy efficiency upgrades through the grant, the city is applying for rebates from Arizona Public Service (APS) and Salt River Project (SRP). If the rebates are received, they must be reinvested into other energy efficiency projects such as additional lighting retrofits and other energy saving projects.

For additional information on Glendale's use of federal stimulus funding, visit www.glendaleaz.com/recovery. Glendale's site also has links to the US government's recovery website and further information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards & commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to Sahuaro District resident Terrance Mead who has volunteered to serve as vice chair of the Judicial Selection Advisory Board.

These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale. Residents can request an application to serve on a citizen advisory group or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions.

2011 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations. The city of Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 16th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. Nomination forms are due by March 1, 2011, and must be submitted to Jon M. Froke, AICP, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., #212, Glendale, AZ 85301, or by e-mail to jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

The prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was developed by the Historic Preservation Commission to recognize outstanding contributions to historic preservation initiatives in the city of Glendale by individuals and organizations. The award is named after Ruth Byrne, who has made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale. Ruth served on the Historic Preservation Commission and is past president of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society.

The Historic Preservation Commission will evaluate the nominations and select the award recipient. The award will be presented during the month of May, which is National Historic Preservation Month.

For more information on where to pick up a nomination form or to download a form online [click here](#).

From the Heart Applications Due March 14, 2011. "From the Heart" is a unique partnership of Glendale residents, the city of Glendale, the [BHHS Legacy Foundation](#) and local community agencies. Every "From the Heart" dollar stays right here in our community to support social service agencies that serve Glendale residents. The city is currently accepting applications from social service agencies that are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. For more information on the program and the application process, [click here](#).

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Join us for the 21st Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday February 12 and Sunday, February 13. The show is held at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! Adults \$5; ages 12 and under free. For more details, call 623-930-4200.

Fine Arts Exhibit at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Original art by Arizona artists is featured at the Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition held through February 20 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Fruit Packing Shed, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The exhibit is free, but admission to the park will be \$5 per person for those over 12 years old on Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, during the 21st Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. There is no charge to enter the park on all other exhibit dates. For more information, call 623-930-4206.

Paris in the Spring - French Market. The third annual "Paris in the Spring - French Market" will be held in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join us for music, art, a vintage market, spectacular shopping and delicious dining. Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., suite 140 to pick up your walking map and free gift bag for the first 250 visitors. For more information, call 623-930-4500.

Glendale University 101 Spring 2011 Semester. Sign up now for the Glendale University 101 spring semester! This free educational program, offered in partnership with Cox Communications, is for Glendale residents and business owners who want to learn more about the city of Glendale and how it operates. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as police and fire, finance and budget, community services, public services and more. At the first class on March 7, participants will meet Glendale's Mayor and City Council. Please [click here](#) for more information about this 10-week program. The last day for registration is Feb 28th.

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